

Assad, Fahd exchange messages

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad Tuesday received a message from Saudi King Fahd on the situation in the Middle East, particularly Lebanon, and sent back a message in reply, the Syrian News Agency reported. It said the deputy commander of the Saudi National Guard, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Tuw-eijari, delivered the message from the king and took Mr. Assad's response. There have been press reports in Lebanon recently that King Fahd is trying to mediate between Damascus and Beirut over the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon. Some reports said the king hoped to arrange a meeting between Mr. Assad and Lebanese President Amin Gemayel.

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King congratulates Saleh, Numeiri and Bignone

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday sent cables of congratulations to North Yemen, Sudan and Argentina. In his cable to North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, the King congratulated him on his re-election as president and wished the North Yemeni people progress and prosperity. In his cable to President Jafar Numeiri of Sudan, the King conveyed his greetings to that country on the occasion of the anniversary of the May 25 revolution. The cable sent to Buenos Aires, to President Reynold Bignone, conveyed Jordan's congratulations to Argentina on its National Day.

Refugee leaders call for meeting with Hallqvist

AMMAN (J.T.) — Palestine refugee representatives in Jordan have asked the director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), Per Olof Hallqvist, to meet with them to discuss the new individual registration card, which UNRWA is going to issue on request of the United Nations General Assembly, a spokesman for UNRWA said here Tuesday. The director replied that, if the refugees so desire, he would be prepared to meet with their representatives at a time when he had been able to discuss their reasons to reject the cards with the commissioner general of UNRWA in Vienna, Mr. Hallqvist is due to leave for Vienna within the next few days and is now waiting for the refugee representatives to hand over to him a memorandum stating the reasons for the rejection.

Aden rejects Lebanon pact

ADEN (R) — South Yemen has rejected the Lebanon-Israeli troop withdrawal agreement which it said contradicted the Arab League Charter, the official Aden News Agency said. It said the rejection was conveyed to Lebanese Finance Minister Adel Hamiyeh who was here Tuesday as part of a tour of several Arab capitals to explain the Lebanese stand.

Israeli doctors agree to end strike partially

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's striking doctors Tuesday agreed to a partial return to work, pulling back from an all-out pay battle that has almost paralysed medical services. After resigning and deserting their hospital posts, the 7,000 doctors came out of hiding when the government broadcast back-to-work orders over state radio.

Syrian envoy in Rabat

RABAT (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad sent a message to King Hassan of Morocco Tuesday about the situation in the Middle East and the consequences of the Lebanon-Israeli troop withdrawal accord. The message was delivered to the king by Syrian envoy Farouk Al Share, the Moroccan news agency MAP reported.

Iraqis sink 'naval target'

BAHRAIN (R) — Iraq said its navy and air force had destroyed what a military communique described as "an enemy naval target" at the northern tip of the Gulf in its war with Iran Tuesday.

New wave of shelling hits Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Shelling broke out Tuesday night in the hills behind Beirut and residents said it was the heaviest bombardment since rival Lebanese factions agreed to an unwritten truce two weeks ago.

State-run Beirut Radio said rockets and shells began landing on towns in the Alei region at around 6 p.m. (1600 GMT). The right-wing Falangist radio said the bombardment was coming from positions to the north, held by leftist Druze militiamen.

Residents of the hillside Beirut suburb of Yarzeh told Reuters by telephone they could hear steady shelling and it appeared to be originating from an area not far away. Yarzeh is much closer to Beirut than the region mentioned by the Falangist radio as the source of the bombardment.

While the state-run Beirut Radio confirmed the shelling and said the Alei region was being hit, the rightist Falangist radio gave a more detailed report.

It said rockets and shells fired from the upper Metn region on the hills east of Beirut had landed in Alei, Rashmayra and Shartoun, a few kilometres to the south. At least three people were wounded, it said.

There have been small arms exchanges, occasional rounds of artillery and a series of kidnappings and murders recently in the hills and the Shouf mountains beyond. But Tuesday's bombardment appeared to be the worst for more than two weeks. Mountain shelling, between rightist and leftist Druze mil-

Israel draws up plans for new 'defence line'

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel is drawing up contingency plans for a unilateral withdrawal of its forces to a new "defence line" in southern Lebanon, Israeli officials said Tuesday.

The officials quoted Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir as telling Israeli reporters Monday the plan would be put into effect if it became clear that Syria would not withdraw its forces from Lebanon.

Israel and Lebanon signed an agreement last week providing for a withdrawal of Israeli invasion forces within 12 weeks. But Israel made it clear that it would not be bound by the accord unless Syrian and Palestinian forces also left Lebanon.

Syria has rejected the agreement and said it will do everything in its power to prevent its

Iran insists on its terms for ending war

TEHRAN (R) — Iranian President Ali Khamenei has said the war with Iraq will continue until Iran's conditions are fulfilled, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported Tuesday.

Speaking to IRNA after a meeting of Iran's supreme defence council Monday, he said Tehran's terms for ending the war were the same now as they had been at the start of the conflict in 1980.

International efforts to mediate between Iran and Iraq and halt the 33-month-old Gulf war have so far been unsuccessful.

France settles debt terms with Iraq

PARIS (R) — France has agreed with Iraq, its biggest arms client, on ways of repaying outstanding Iraqi debts, estimated at around \$1.8 billion, the French government indicated Tuesday.

A spokesman for the External Relations Ministry said talks between Iraqi Deputy Premier Tariq Aziz and French officials over the past few days had "settled in a satisfactory manner the financial questions pending between the two countries."

Neither French nor Iraqi officials would give details of the accord, which follows months of talks

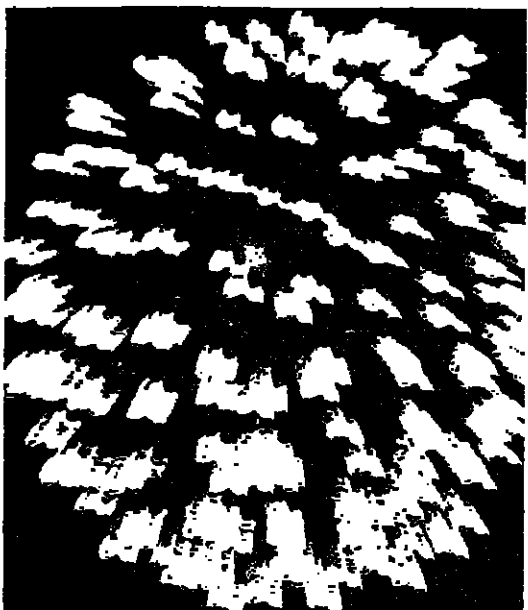
and which is expected to clear the way for new Iraqi arms purchases from France.

Earlier this month, Mr. Aziz said Iraq had offered Paris from 2.5 to 3.5 million tonnes of crude oil to settle about 90 per cent of its debt this year. There was no indication if this had been taken up.

According to European and Middle Eastern diplomats, Iraq is pressing France for Super-Etendard combat aircraft equipped with Exocet missiles, a combination which proved deadly against British ships in last year's



The Jordanian armed forces Tuesday night carried out a brilliant display of fireworks in several different parts of Amman to signal Independence and



Army Day celebrations on Wednesday. (Photo by Yousef Al Allani)

Jordan celebrates Independence, Army Day anniversary today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Wednesday celebrates two cherished occasions — the anniversary of Independence Day and Army Day. On May 25, 1946, Jordan declared its independence, thereby rejecting foreign domination of its soil.

This year's celebrations are unique in the fact that Wednesday also marks the occasion of the inauguration of the new Queen Alia International Airport, one of the biggest projects ever implemented in Jordan. The JD \$5-million airport, which took about five years to build, has some of the most modern equipment, including aircraft maintenance hangars, catering facilities for about three million people a year and a 2,100-line telephone network which could be expanded to contain 7,000 lines.

The airport is capable of handling two million people annually and is connected with Downtown Amman with a broad access road, skirting the capital.

The Public Transport Corporation has announced the introduction of 20 regular buses to ply between the airport and Amman to facilitate the easy flow of passengers and others.

The King is scheduled to inaugurate the airport Wednesday afternoon and before proceeding there he will take part in celebrations to be held in connection with the Army Day.

The Armed Forces General Command has organised a special ceremony to be held at the Martyrs Monument in Amman where the King will water the Tree of Life and hand over awards to officers and soldiers of the Armed Forces and security department.

To mark the occasion, the Armed Forces organised a colourful display of fireworks from various parts of the capital Tuesday evening.

In the meantime, Arab and international delegations arrived in Amman to take part in Wednesday's events. An Iraqi delegation, headed by Taha Yassin

Ramadan, first deputy premier and member of the Revolutionary Command Council arrived in Amman Tuesday. Mr. Ramadan, in a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, praised Jordan's stand in support of Iraq in its war with Iran, and added that "the Independence and Army Day are two cherished occasions for every Iraqi citizen."

Heads of Arab League agencies in Baghdad also congratulated King Hussein and the Jordanian Armed Forces and people.

Lebanese Chamber of Deputies member Kazem Al Khalil said on the occasion that Jordan's strength is "a strength for the whole Arab Nation and that King Hussein is truly the leader of the Arab Nation at the contemporary age in view of his unique gifts and qualities which are rare to find in any other Arab leader."

Lebanese Press Association President Mohammad Al Ba'labki said on the occasion that Jordan under the leadership of King Hussein is "shouldering the burdens of pan-Arab struggle and is standing on the longest line of confrontation with Israel to repulse its greedy expansionist and settlement ambitions."

On the occasion, the Ministry of Communications has issued a commemorative stamp on the inauguration of the Queen Alia International Airport and the Independence and Army Day. It will issue Wednesday the second commemorative stamp for this year bearing the name of the Queen Alia International Airport.

High-ranking officials including the prime minister, the speakers of the Upper House of Parliament and the National Consultative Council, the Armed Forces commander-in-chief, the mayor of Amman, the directors of the departments of Public Security, General Intelligence and Civil Defence sent cables of congratulations to the King on the occasion.

The King also received con-

gratulatory cables from official and popular bodies in the country and the acting commander of the Palestine Liberation Army in Jordan.

India sends greetings

In a message to King Hussein, Indian President Giani Zail Singh congratulated him on the occasion of Jordan's Independence Day.

In his message, Mr. Singh wished the people of Jordan "continued prosperity" and expressed hope that "the bonds of friendship and cooperation" between Jordan and India "will be strengthened in the coming years."

Following is the full text of the message: "On the happy occasion of the Independence Day of Jordan, I extend my felicitations and good wishes for the continued prosperity of the friendly people of Jordan and for Your Majesty's health and well-being. I hope that the bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two countries will be further strengthened in the coming years."

Sharif Zaid hosts reception

On Tuesday evening, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker hosted a reception at the Hussein Youth City on the occasion. The reception was attended by Prime Minister and Defence Minister Mudar Badran, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Tarawneh, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, former prime ministers, National Consultative Council (NCC) Suleiman Arar, Chief Islamic Justice Ibrahim Al Qattan, ministers, several NCC members, senior officers of the Armed Forces, Public Security and Civil Defence departments, officers of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) in Jordan, several Arab and foreign ambassadors in Amman and their wives.

Iraq assails U.S. on F-16s for Israel

BAGHDAD (R) — President Reagan's decision to release 75 F-16 fighter-bombers for Israel was confirmation of U.S. animosity towards the Arabs, Iraq's ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Thawra said Tuesday. "The American decision, taken while Israeli troops still remain in Lebanon, reaffirms the United States' animosity towards the Arabs and uncovers the ugly American face that all make-ups failed to beautify," the daily said in a commentary. It added: "Under pretext of secured borders for Israel, the U.S. tries to impose the Zionist status quo and to erase the Arab existence in Palestine and the occupied Arab territories." Delivery of the planes had been held up until Israel withdrew from Lebanon, but Mr. Reagan asked the U.S. Congress to lift the embargo after Israel and Lebanon signed a troop withdrawal agreement last week.

Libya intensifies campaign against PLO chairman

DAMASCUS (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat Tuesday completed a tour to rally support among his men in Lebanon as Libya stepped up a campaign apparently aimed at toppling him.

Mr. Arafat returned to Damascus after a trip to north and east Lebanon which seemed designed to strengthen his leadership of the Fateh commando group and the overall Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the face of a so far peaceful rebellion by Fateh officers.

Libya Tuesday launched its toughest attack on Mr. Arafat, saying the revolt was now assured of success "as a result of the wide support it is receiving."

The statement from the official news agency JANA, received in Beirut, did not elaborate on who was supporting the rebels.

Mr. Arafat's military deputy Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad) was quoted as saying Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi was paying "millions" and sending weapons to the rebels in Lebanon.

PLO sources in Damascus said Libya had instigated the revolt by at least five senior PLO officers and was providing them with weapons and cash.

The rebellious officers have been protesting against new appointments in Fateh and what they regard as its moderate line in Middle East affairs. First news of the trouble within Fateh came from the official Libyan news agency earlier this month.

Tuesday's JANA statement indicated Col. Qadhafi hoped the revolt would lead to the overthrow of Mr. Arafat and a tougher PLO line in the Middle East.

The statement accused Mr. Arafat of "acrobatic statements,

deceit and false declarations." "The revolution which exploded within Fateh in the Lebanese Bekaa Valley... has removed the false mask from the face of Arafat and his defeatist clique," it said.

"The new revolt is now assured of success as a result of the wide support it is receiving in order to replace the traditional movement which had abandoned armed struggle and was seeking to reach a peaceful settlement for the Middle East problem through bargaining and surrender..."

"Arafat finds himself isolated and is acting nervously but he will pay a high price for his behaviour."

This appeared to be a reference to a speech by Mr. Arafat on Monday near the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli in which he branded Col. Qadhafi an agent of U.S. President Reagan and said he was trying to split the Palestinian movement.

Abu Jihad was quoted by the Palestinian news agency Wafa as condemning anti-Arafat statements by Col. Qadhafi as "an expression of his mad dreams."

He said: "Qadhafi should know that his dreams will be smashed on the rock of Fateh unity and that the millions he is paying and the weapons he is sending to some circles to strike at the unity of Fateh will be rendered useless."

Abu Jihad later told reporters that Fateh's Central Committee would meet here Tuesday night or Wednesday to take a final decision on action against the rebel officers.

He said the Central Committee decision would be presented to Fateh's Revolutionary Council in Damascus either this Thursday or Friday, June 3, for approval.

New travel curbs will not be binding on West Bank students, Obeidat explains

AMMAN (J.T.) — Recent measures regulating travel through the King Hussein and Prince Mohammad bridges will not apply to West Bank students studying at Jordanian universities and community colleges and abroad, according to Interior Minister Ahmad Obeidat.

Answering a question by the correspondent of Al Rai newspaper, Mr. Obeidat said Monday that measures involving student crossing the two bridges will remain as they were before.

The Interior Ministry issued a statement last Tuesday "banning all West Bank residents from leaving the West Bank except through the King Hussein and the Prince Mohammad bridges." The statement warned "anyone violating the measures would be liable to legal and administrative

measures. Furthermore, bearers of temporary Jordanian passports would be banned from leaving the occupied territories except through the said two bridges."

The statement also said that "West Bank and Gaza Strip residents would not be allowed to leave for the East Bank if the permit they are carrying from the occupation authorities includes a condition banning them from returning to the West Bank and Gaza Strip before the expiry of their permits."

The statement explained that the aim of the new measures is "to ensure the steadfastness of the kinsmen in the occupied territories and to cope with the designs of the occupation authorities of escalating the settlement policy in the occupied territories."

Pretoria says 64 killed in Maputo raid

PRETORIA (R) — The South African Defence Force said Tuesday latest confirmed intelligence reports showed 64 people died in Monday's air strike on the Mozambique capital of Maputo.

A communique said 41 of those killed in the attack by South African Air Force Impala jets were guerrillas of the African National Congress (ANC), 17 were Mozambican soldiers and six others were civilians.

Mozambique has announced that six people died and 30 were injured in the raid, which South Africa mounted in retaliation for last Friday's car bomb attack in

Pretoria which left 18 people dead and over 200 others injured.

The Defence Force communique said 41 people were injured in the raid on Maputo, but it was not yet possible to say how many of them were civilians.

South Africa said the raid was aimed at bases of the ANC, which on Monday claimed responsibility for the Pretoria blast, the worst act of guerrilla violence in the republic's history.

The Mozambican authorities have said six people died in the air raid of whom only one was a South African and most damage was done to a jam factory.

Mozambique Information Minister Jose Luis Cabaco denied any of the targets hit were guerrilla bases or missile sites as stated by Pretoria.

The South African comments came after Western journalists reported from Maputo little evident damage to property and that three bodies were apparently those of local factory workers.

Mozambique reopened its air space Monday afternoon but South African airways said Tuesday it had postponed commercial flights to Maputo until further notice.

French students, police clash near parliament

PARIS (R) — Hundreds of demonstrators and riot police fought running battles close to the French National Assembly Tuesday during a large student demonstration against university reforms.

Barricades built from crowd control fences and two blazing cars were quickly erected in side streets off a square only 500 metres from the heavily-guarded parliament building where legislators debated the reforms for the first time.

Eyewitnesses said the dem-

onstrators wore crash helmets and leather jackets, the uniform of extreme right-wing youths who have been accused of exploiting student unrest to provoke police.

Police, who were mobilised in force in anticipation of trouble, used water cannon and fired teargas to drive the demonstrators into a corner of the huge square overlooked by Napoleon's Tomb. Authorities said several demonstrators and police were hurt and at least two youths were arrested.

The skirmishes broke out during a demonstration by 15,000 students hostile to the reforms drawn up by Education Minister Alain Savary.

Two other demonstrations against the government's plans, due to become law in November, ended peacefully.

Previous demonstrations in the month-old dispute, during which students in many French universities have been on strike, also turned violent.

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HOME NEWS

Amman police solve spate of burglaries

AMMAN (Petra) — Police have arrested a number of burglars responsible for breaking into several houses in Amman over the last few days.

The thieves, who stole mainly jewelry, watches and pens, confessed to the burglaries, and the stolen items were returned to their owners. The value of the stolen goods totalled some JD 20,000 and involved 17 houses, a spokesman for the Amman police department said.

The spokesman went on to say that several burglaries have been reported in the last few months by owners of homes and commercial stores, and the Amman police have responded with intensive efforts to catch the thieves.

Mahmoud Qawasmeh, a resident of Marka, told the Jordanian News Agency Petra, that he and his family left their Marka home to spend a few days in their rural home in Na'our. When he returned, he found that the doors of his house had been forced, and his home ransacked.

He said that the value of the stolen items, primarily jewelry, totalled JD 1,000.

A similar theft was reported by Mohammad Adnan Nouyati also of Marka. Hayafa' Abu Qourah of Jabal Amman and Dina Anz of Jabal Luweibdeh. The stolen items were all returned to their owners, who thanked the Amman police for the enormous efforts they made in solving the thefts, Petra said.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan looks on as members of the Prince Rashid battalion make a presentation to mark the fourth birthday of the young prince (Petra photo).

Battalion marks prince's 4th birthday

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday participated in a ceremony organised by the Prince Rashid battalion to mark the fourth birthday of Prince Rashid.

Prince Hassan opened a mosque and a club for the use of non-commissioned officers in the battalion.

Prince Hassan also attended exercises held by a formation of the Fifth Royal Armoured Division which illustrated the high

standard of training in the formation. He then attended the annual sports festival of the division.

At the end of the festival, Prince Hassan handed over awards and cups to the winning teams.

Lawzi acts on vegetable market trade

AMMAN (Petra) — Agriculture Ministry Under-Secretary Salem Al Lawzi Tuesday inspected the central wholesale vegetable market in Amman.

He also chaired a meeting attended by the director of the Agricultural Credit Corporation, the director of the Jordanian Cooperative Organisation, and the director of the market to review the trading operations which take place daily in the market.

The meeting decided to instruct the agricultural products marketing corporation to buy onions directly from the farmers at 55 fils per kilogramme direct from the farm. Dr. Lawzi called on farmers willing to sell their onions to contact the corporation starting Saturday.

Hassan forms new council

ZARQA (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani Tuesday decided to form a new village council in the Ghazira area. Salameh Suleiman Al Mu'allah has been appointed head of the council.

Ghandour: Airport 'one of the best'

AMMAN (Petra) — Alia President and Chairman of the Board of Directors Ali Ghandour said Tuesday that the opening of the new Queen Alia International Airport will be a "significant achievement in terms of air transport services and will strengthen Jordan's economy and tourist industry."

Mr. Ghandour said the airport, which will be officially opened Wednesday on Independence and Army Day, will be "one of the best

airports in the Arab World and the Middle East, and has been fitted with the latest sophisticated technical equipment in order to provide the highest standard of service for travellers."

Jordan has become an important and vital centre for international companies, regional and international organisations and businessmen, and consequently, travel to and from Jordan is booming by the week. Mr. Ghandour said.

Jerash Festival organisers send out twelve invitations

AMMAN (Petra) — The Higher National Committee for the Jerash Festival, chaired by Mrs. Laila Sharaf, deputising for Her Majesty Queen Noor, Monday evening held its second meeting of 1983.

The committee discussed a report submitted by the festival director on the workings of the festival's specialist sub-committees,

and the provisional programme for the festival to be held between August 12 and 20.

The committee approved the sending of invitations to 12 Arab and foreign theatre companies, folk-dance and music groups to partake in the festival, in addition to several book and paintings exhibitions and film shows which are to be staged.

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Unrest among forces adds to Arafat's woes

i Despite these assurances, some

The dissidents issued a range of tough political demands, accusing Arafat of planning to abandon armed struggle, and called for a Fatah congress to map out a new

Fatah has responded to the dis-

In a speech quoted by the Libyan News Agency JANA, he said: "If this movement succeeds it will remove the Palestinian resistance from the dangerous path pursued

So far, the predominance of the generally moderate Fatah among the eight groups within the PLO

Since then, apparently adopting a more militant stand, Arafat has called for war as the only way to change the power balance in the Middle East.

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An officer said both men had seen action in Lebanon but he would not disclose where or when. Although the men in the front-

The crewmen wore the traditional Jewish yamulka (skullcap) but their combat helmets

Five thousand guerrillas backing his anti-Vietnamese coalition are now based a mere 500 metres (yards) inside Northern Kampuchea from the Thai border, having been flushed by a Vietnamese

The prince plans yet another offensive in the Monsoon season

Son Sann, the premier in the coalition's rival government.
Prince Sihanouk said at an emo-

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By Abdoulaye Boureima

One metal shed, one bench, two clamps and a few other simple tools. Such was the rudimentary equipment of the Solar Energy Office of Niger (ONERSOL) in 1964-65. Today, the office has the resources to mass produce complex equipment — from solar water heaters to cylindrical-parabolic mirrors.

ONERSOL made a significant leap forward in 1970 when it was equipped with a laboratory containing advanced technical equipment. It was the starting point for applied research on the conversion of solar energy into electrical energy.

There is equipment, for instance, to measure solar radiation. It will allow ONERSOL, under the direction of Professor Abdou Moumouni, now rector of the University of Niamey, to plan and undertake experiments to perfect complex solar thermal installations.

One practical device is a solar stove that will be tried out among villagers in the Tera region. It is 1.5 metres in diameter and cooks between three and four kilograms of rice in an hour around noon. It is constructed essentially of a parabolic shell of moulded glass cloth, bonded with resin to a concrete form, and covered with reflecting aluminium.

The introduction of the stove in the towns and countryside of Niger remains nonetheless difficult because of the low purchasing power of households and the eating habits of the population. And although the device requires practically no upkeep, it uses many accessories, such as special utensils and thermos bottles.

ONERSOL also manufactures devices that produce, distilled water either from drinking or brackish water. The Niger Chemical Products Company, the Malbaza Cement Works, as well as certain foreign organisations (most notably the Postal and Telecommunications Office of Upper Volta) have been equipped with such a device. The most curious model being, without doubt, the "survival" distiller, highly recommended for travellers crossing the desert.

How does the device work? A hole is dug in sufficiently damp soil and an empty container of simple construction is placed in it. The container is then covered with a transparent plastic sheet. After a few hours you have water. How much depends as much on the width and depth of the hole as on the humidity of the soil and the quality of the plastic.

ONERSOL also has solar batteries that transform light into electricity.

In 1968, in conjunction with the educational television network (no longer in existence), the office carried out several experiments. These were so successful, in fact, that photoelectric batteries, bought in France, have become a popular source of power for television sets.

Another project for use of these modules aims at supplying electricity to small and medium-sized telecommunications stations. The radio relay of Boukanda, about 60 kilometres from Niamey, runs thanks to solar energy (600 amps/hour). It services five telephone circuits and two telex circuits. Storage batteries, charged by solar energy allow the Boukanda radio relay to function for about 10 days when there is no sun.

Technicians have also managed to transform solar energy into mechanical energy, notably for water pumping. From 1968 to 1974, a solar-operated motor supplied drinking water for both the population and all the cattle at Bossey-Bangou, a Niamey suburb. The motor eventually wore out but the installation was later renovated. It now supplies 50 cubic metres of water a day.

But the greatest achievement is without doubt the solar heat pumping station at Karma, 25 kilometres from Niamey. The station, with an output of 2500 to 3000 cubic metres of water daily, irrigates some 20 to 30 hectares of land. The surface of the solar collectors is 1000 square metres and generates 10 kilowatts.

With a plant in operation since 1975, funds from various sources and more than 20 workers, ONERSOL has developed into a genuine industry. The production capacity of the plant is 400 water heaters per year and 1000 to 1200 square metres of flat collectors, which are intended for the pumping stations. The office should rapidly go beyond this, producing 500 water heaters and 3000 square metres of collectors.

And what about commercial successes? They only began in 1976. But many buildings (public and private, maternity and other hospitals, hotels and teaching establishments) are today equipped with solar water heaters. The manufacturing department of ONERSOL would like to extend its activities to the states in the Sahelian and Soudano-sahelian regions. The manufacture and installation in Niger of five to six pumping stations, the last of which should be installed this year, will no doubt allow ONERSOL to really take off.

— IDRC features



Niger: sunshine is a prime resource in a country lacking other sources of energy

Caribbean looks to sunshine, wind and water for energy

By Reudon Eversley
Reuter

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — The Caribbean islands, hit hard by a rising oil import bill over the past 10 years, have turned for energy to their own resources: Sunshine, wind, water and volcanoes.

Thousands of factories and households now use solar energy to heat water while a wave power turbine is about to be installed in Barbados and a wind power project to start in Antigua.

Volcanic Santa Lucia is looking to its hot water resources for alternative energy.

Tiny Dominica, which boasts a river for every day in the year, plans to harness them to supply power to isolated communities.

Experts at the Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), which is leading the region's development of alternative energy, estimate that conservation practices and new sources of energy may cut the islands' oil bill by five to 15 per cent by the turn of the century.

Antigua's wind energy project, the first significant Caribbean project of this kind, will come into operation in two months' time and within a year it is expected to produce energy equivalent to between 1,200 and 1,500 barrels of oil.

The CDB itself is to install a wind turbine at its Barbados headquarters to help meet its energy needs and feed any surplus into the island's grid.

Barbados, which spends \$0.5 million a week on fuel, is to build

another 200-kilowatt wind turbine with a \$1.5 million grant from the Inter-American Development Bank.

Sunshine, the tourists' big attraction, is now widely used in water heating systems.

Barbadian solar technology pioneer James Husbands estimates that in the last decade 10 per cent of his island's 60,000 households have taken advantage of tax incentives and up to 50 per cent lower electricity bills to install solar hot water systems.

Husbands says his company also brought solar water heaters to seven other islands.

Agriculture is also benefiting from the new energy projects.

In Antigua, the Caribbean Agricultural, Research and Development Institute has produced a sun-operated pump bringing water from ponds to irrigate fields on a state-owned farm.

This is an attractive alternative for the future as its cost is decreasing and it requires little maintenance, the CDB said.

Crop waste, such as bittle from the arrowroot industry and bagasse from sugar cane, can also generate electricity.

Most sugar mills use bagasse — the juice remaining after cane has been pressed — to heat boilers.

The CDB's Technology and Energy Unit (TEU) is now carrying out studies in Saint Kitts Nevis, which has a large bagasse surplus, to find out how to generate electricity with the waste.

Two Barbados factories already produce electricity from bagasse, feeding up to 1,100 kilowatts into the energy grid, or 0.5 per cent of the island's consumption.

In Saint Vincent the production of biogas from bittle, was assessed last year and a pilot plant is expected to be set up.

Santa Lucia is exploring its geothermal resources helped by the European Development Fund, the EEC's overseas aid arm.

Work on the island's sulphur springs is about to start again after a seven-year interruption. Seven wells were drilled into the springs in 1977 but the work ran into trouble because of internal political problems.

Prime Minister John Compton has said the U.S. Los Alamos Institute, with high-level technology and vast experience in this field, has shown considerable interest in the project.

"If the project can live up to its early promise, Santa Lucia will be able to offer industrial investors energy at concessionary rates making the island a prime area for industrial development," he said.

According to government officials, the geothermal source at La Soufriere could save the island more than \$10 million a year in oil imports.

The TEU is also promoting energy conservation programmes which could save the region up to \$6 million a year.

It is preparing to launch a project for more efficient use of energy in the lucrative tourism sector, and this year it is planning measures to reduce large losses in the transmission and distribution of electricity in a number of islands.

Siltation could mean failure of \$3 billion river development scheme in Sri Lanka

By John Madeley

KANDY, Sri Lanka — The Mahaweli River development scheme is considered so important to future generations of Sri Lankans that its details are being taught in primary schools here.

But the problem of the silt is rarely mentioned in the schoolrooms, and silt could relatively quickly destroy the \$3.1 billion project, financed both by foreign aid and by Sri Lanka's poor.

Launched in 1977, the Mahaweli Programme entails building four dams across the 335-kilometre river; three power stations to triple the country's generating capacity and reservoirs to irrigate 130,000 hectares of new land. The government plans to resettle 1.5 million people — one in every 10 Sri Lankans — on the newly irrigated land.

But the upper reaches of the Mahaweli River banks are largely bare of trees; only about 8 per cent of the 526,000 hectares catchments area is forested. When the rains come — some 2,540 mm a year — the water washes topsoil into the river unchecked.

This soil may quickly silt up the reservoirs, foul the power stations and clog the irrigation canals and gates.

Soil conservation officials blame the tobacco industry for much of the felling. One tobacco firm has encouraged people to clear for themselves 0.4 hectare each of riverside slopes to plant tobacco. When the tobacco is grown, they need another 0.4 hectare of wood with which to dry

their crop. "Local politicians won't stop them doing it for fear of losing votes," said one official.

When the programme was launched, "all the attention went to the dams. Replanting the hillsides was talked about only in seminars," said Sri Lankan lawyer Gamini Iriyagalle, who has made a detailed study of the scheme.

Nearly all of the foreign aid which poured in also went to the dams. Britain, Sweden and West Germany all gave around \$155 million each to finance a dam each. Contributions from Canada, Japan and Kuwait brought the aid to over \$620 million, one of the largest aid budgets ever for a single development project.

Iriyagalle blames donors for rushing in with their money, distorting the programme from its outset. "Replanting should have had the very highest priority at the start, but simple didn't get it," he said.

The government knew that the hillsides needed replanting. A survey had shown that a well planned reforestation programme was necessary to prevent soil erosion, according to Ian Samarawickrema, secretary for the Mahaweli Development Ministry.

But a replanting programme was not begun until 1981, following a study by a private U.S. firm with U.S. Agency for International Development backing. The programme aims to replant 30 per cent of the hillside area — over 162,000 hectares. However, by the end of 1982, less than 4,000 hectares had trees.

Trees died

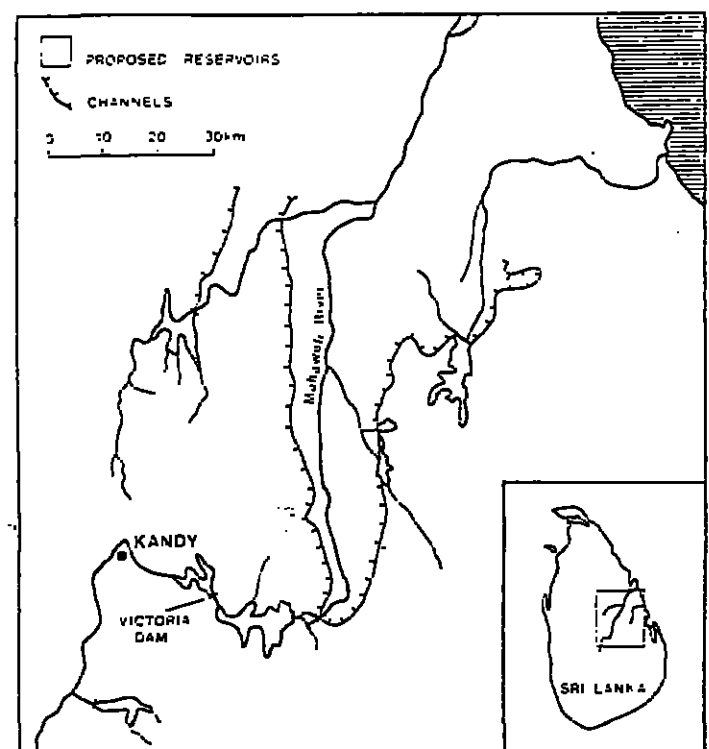
A walk up one of the hillsides revealed that about one-third of the new trees had died.

"This year there may be a chronic shortage of money for replanting any trees", one official said gloomily. The Mahaweli Programme is costing far more than was originally planned, and spending has been cut back as a result. The voluntary group Nation Builders is trying to encourage young people to do some of the replanting.

Dr. Mostafa Tolba, executive director of the U.N. Environment Programme, noted the gravity of the soil problem when he visited Sri Lanka last year. The deforestation, he said, would result in "massive soil erosion causing silting of irrigation canals and the lowering of the fertility of the soil".

The British-aided Victoria dam is nearing completion. It will start trapping water in April 1984 and will eventually flood 45,000 people out of their homes. The British consultants of the project, Sir Alexander Gibb and partners, are confident that the dam's two sluice gates will allow the silt through. But silt going through the dam will be washed down into the fields, where it could clog irrigation gates and canals.

Some of the 1.5 million people — many of these landless and unemployed — which the government is bringing to the area have already arrived. Each family gets a hectare of land, usually scrub or jungle, which they must



clear to plant.

Ironically, Sri Lanka's poor are now having to foot much of the bill for the world's biggest aid scheme. The cost of the programme was originally put at slightly over \$1 billion, with foreign aid accounting for over half of this. Since then, the cost estimate has leapt to \$3.1 billion, so aid will only cover one-fifth of the cost.

Thus Sri Lankan taxpayers are

being squeezed for money, and services and subsidies for the poor have been cut.

If the dams provide food and power in plenty for this country, their sacrifice may prove worthwhile. But lack of planning — and lack of trees — may end up in wasted aid and wasted government money.

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SPORTS

Juventus banks on Platini for inspiration...

By Iain Pears
Reuter

ROME — Juventus, the dominant force in Italian soccer for the past decade, will be looking to French genius Michel Platini to inspire them to their first European Cup victory against Hamburg of West Germany in Athens on May 25.

Platini has been devastating in recent matches, combining inspired inventiveness in midfield with deadly finishing to end the season as top scorer in the Italian first division with 18 goals.

Seven times Italian Champions since 1970, Juventus now have their second chance to add the European Cup to their collection of prizes. They were beaten 1-0 by Ajax Amsterdam in the 1973 final in Belgrade.

"Juve" started the season slowly as manager Giovanni Tra-

pattoni tried to weld his collection of highly-paid and individualistic performers into an effective team. They were often compared to an orchestra of brilliant musicians without a conductor.

Despite improving on this poor start, they have surrendered the League title to Roma and will be determined to make up for this disappointment in Athens.

Juve will field six of the Italian World Cup winning team including star striker Paolo Rossi and combative midfielder Marco Tardelli.

Rossi, top scorer

Rossi has rarely been seen at his best this season but has produced some vintage performances in the European Cup and is top scorer in the competition with six

goals. But Platini will probably be the man to watch. He has appeared unstoppable in recent League games and has made no secret of the fact a European Cup winners' medal is his burning ambition.

Juventus' other big-money import, Polish star Zbigniew Boniek, has been summoned to Warsaw to play for his national team in the European Championship against the Soviet Union three days before the match in Athens.

He demonstrated his value with an inspired performance during Juventus' 2-0 win in the semi-final against his old team Widzew Lodz of Poland last month.

The only serious doubt in the Athens line-up is defender Sergio Brio, who recently returned to the team after a month's absence due to a groin injury but who may still

not be fit enough to play.

If the club missed the Italian Championship, then its huge investment in talent has paid off in the European Cup and the players powered their way past Hvidovre of Denmark, Belgium's Standard Liege, 1982 winners Aston Villa of England and Lodz. They have not lost a game in the competition.

Every player in the side will be a threat to Hamburg but it is in defence where Juventus appear particularly awesome although veteran international goalkeeper Dino Zoff has shown signs of fallibility this year.

If Platini, Boniek and Tardelli are all on song in midfield, then Hamburg could find the "Blancos" unstoppable. Contrasting, an early setback could take the heart out of the temperamental latins.

...as Hamburg faces moment of truth

By Robert Woodward
Reuter

BONN — West German Champions Hamburg are confident they can cement their position as one of Europe's major soccer powers this month—but the older players admit to a worrying sense of *deja-vu*.

Hamburg face the pride of Italy, Juventus, in the European Cup final in Athens on Wednesday in what promises to be a classic clash of Latin skill against German power.

After their Athens date Hamburg will then turn their attentions to the West German Bundesliga title and victory in their next two League games will virtually clinch the title for the third time in five years.

Hamburg faced an identical situation three years ago—but their dream of the double evaporated in the space of four days.

First they lost 2-1 to lowly Bayer Leverkusen to hand Bayern Munich the Bundesliga title.

Four days later the stage for the European Cup final was Madrid's Bernabeu stadium. Hamburg completely outplayed Nottingham Forest but were beaten 1-0 by a long-range goal by Forest's Scottish winger John Robertson.

Hamburg maintain they have learned from that heart-breaking experience and are confident of avoiding a repeat performance.

Six survivors from the 1980 squad form the backbone of the present side which has emerged from a shaky spell to destroy a succession of opponents with a combination of Scalpel and Cudgel.

The Scalpel is wielded by diminutive midfielder Felix Magath, a 29-year-old whose undoubted skills were never shown to full devastating effect during his international career.

Magath seems to have recovered from a bad leg injury two weeks ago which threatened to sideline him for the rest of the season.

If in form, his incisive passes and tight dribbling skills may drive the rugged Juventus defence to distraction.

Hrubesch 'the monster'

Hamburg's Cudgel is wielded by Horst Hrubesch, nicknamed "the monster". The 32-year-old giant, who will play in Belgium for Standard Liege next season, has scored around 100 goals for the club and remains one of the best

headers of a ball in the game.

The Juventus defender entrusted with the task of marking Hrubesch will have a monumental battle on his hands particularly if long-serving full-back Manfred Kaltz finds room on the right to zero-in on the striker's deadly forehead.

Hamburg fans reckon Kaltz could pick out Hrubesch in an unlit underground car park but critics maintain his love of pushing forward often leaves his fellow defenders dangerously exposed to counter-attack.

The defence is built round the uncompromising Dietmar Jakobs whose fierce tackling contrasts with the more refined skills of sweeper Holger Hieronymus.

A regular in 1980, the 24-year-old has tightened up his game since he was harshly criticised earlier this season by his coach, Austrian Ernst Happel, who felt Hieronymus was playing too much "pretty" soccer and not doing his fair share of the defensive work.

Two other young players nurtured by Happel could put their more famous seniors in the Athens shade if they repeat their recent form in Wednesday's final.

The quick-silver skills of Jue-

rgen Milewski combine well with the more basic qualities of Hrubesch in attack. The effervescent 25-year-old's darting runs and ferocious shooting have brought him international recognition this season.

Midfielder Wolfgang Rolff has also seen his career take off this year, winning three caps in his first season with Hamburg after being signed from second division Fortuna Cologne.

Rolff is a "players' player"—skilful, full of running, and possessing the knack of scoring vital goals. None was more important than the superbly glanced header in the away leg of the semi-final against Real Sociedad which effectively decided the tie.

The player who supplied that cross, Jimmy Hartwig, is the cause of the only doubts in the Hamburg camp. The midfielder powerhouse is ineligible to play in the Athens final having received two yellow cards in this year's competition.

Hartwig, with his experience and never-say-die attitude, is the one Hamburg player capable of single-handedly lifting the team's game and spirits.

Hamburg may well miss such a man if Juventus' star-studded team hits top gear early on.

Navratilova begins French title defence with stylish win

PARIS (R) — World number one Martina Navratilova opened her defence of the French Open Tennis Championship in fine style here Tuesday when she raced to an emphatic 6-1, 6-1 win over compatriot Mary Lou Piatek.

Czechoslovak-born Navratilova has not lost on clay this year. And on this showing, it will take an inspired performance to wrest the title from her.

Navratilova said afterwards that she felt very comfortable and confident. "I have already won this tournament so I have no mental block about it. I have set a new level of play for myself and I am trying to keep it up."

The clay-court specialists in the men's singles also had a comfortable passage into the second round.

Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, seeded number three, defeated Pedro Rebolledo of Chile 6-4, 6-1, 6-3 while fourth seed Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, last year's beaten finalist, outclassed Romania's Florin Segarceanu 6-1, 7-5, 6-1.

Sixth-seeded Frenchman Yannick Noah had the easiest victory of all, breezing past Swedish Davis Cup player Anders Jarryd 6-1, 6-1.

Two other women's seeds besides Navratilova moved into the second round. American Pam Shriver, making her debut on a European clay court, came back after dropping the first set to beat Marcella Mesker of the Netherlands 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Fifth-seed Shriver said: "In previous years I have kept to grass courts but I think it is important to play on clay. It was difficult though and I nearly lost."

Another American, 12th seed Kathy Rinaldi, crushed her compatriot Andrea Leand 6-3, 6-2.

Lendl made a slow start against little-known Rebolledo and at 4-2 down, looked to be in danger of losing the first set. But he recovered his devastating baseline game to go through.

"The first match is always difficult," he said afterwards. "But I hope to improve. I served better today than I have done for the last two or three weeks."

Vilas was satisfied with his win too, claiming it was his best performance of the year. He blamed tiredness for his recent quarter-final defeat by Italian Corrado Barazzutti in the Monte Carlo Open and said: "I feel okay now. I am moving much faster."

Consistent Prost ready for world title

FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium (R) — Frenchman Alain Prost has not finished lower than third in his last four Grand Prix and his consistency could take him to the 1983 World Drivers' Championship.

He won the twice-started and protest-marred Belgian round of the series at Spa-Francorchamps Monday to leap to the top of the standings.

Unfortunately, Prost's deserved triumph—he had a 23-second lead over second placed compatriot Patrick Tambay at the finish—was soured by a confusing series of post-race accusations and counter-accusations that rules had been broken.

Rival teams claimed his Renault Formula One car had been illegally topped up with fuel for the re-start and also infringed technical regulations.

Fortunately for Prost, two hours of backroom deliberations ended in a withdrawal of all the protests and he was officially declared the winner.

But the Renault team were fined \$5,000 for taking fuel to the starting-grid. The move was a safety hazard, officials said.

The problem had arisen because Swiss Marc Surer and Frenchman Jacques Laffite had stalled on the original starting grid and Italian Bruno Giacomelli jumped the lights believing the green light had been switched on. It had not, so there was a 20-minute delay while the 26 competing cars reformed on the grid.

De Cesaris made a second fast getaway but Prost went to the front around mid-distance when the Italian's Alfa Romeo ground

to a halt moments after a slow pit-stop.

Prost's next test will be on the streets of Detroit on June 5—a circuit totally unlike the spectacular Ardennes circuit—but his natural ability and Renault's hard-earned reliability could keep him on course for the crown.

Cowans set to join Napoli

BIRMINGHAM, England (R) — Gordon Cowans, Aston Villa's 24-year-old England midfielder, is set to sign a two-year contract with Italian side Napoli.

The deal is estimated to be worth around £200,000 (\$300,000) to Cowans while Villa expect a fee of £400,000.

Shergar inquiry scaled down

DUBLIN (R) — Irish police said Tuesday they had scaled down their hunt for the champion racehorse Sheragar, taken by armed men from its stud farm last February.

"The search has not been called off but it has gone dormant through lack of evidence," a police spokesman said. Detectives who had been working full time on the inquiry have been reassigned to other duties.

The possibility that a guerrilla group was responsible for the kidnapping and a ransom demand received shortly afterwards has not been ruled out, he added.

The spokesman dismissed French newspaper reports that Irish detectives had visited France secretly as part of their inquiries.

"We are supposed to have visited numerous countries on this inquiry, but we have not done so at all," he said.

The Agha Khan's 34-member syndicate which owns Sheragar is believed to have lodged insurance claims for its loss.

A claim for £20 million (\$25.4 million) compensation has been lodged with the local council of county Kildare where Sheragar's stud farm is located.

United's manager escapes with a warning

LONDON (R) — Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson escaped with a warning about his future conduct when he admitted bringing the game into disrepute at an English Football Association (F.A.) disciplinary hearing here Tuesday.

The charge was brought after United's defeat by Arsenal in a League match earlier this month. Atkinson was sent from the pitch by referee Eric Read after protesting about the sending-off of midfielder player Remi Moses.

He later accused Arsenal players of conducting a vendetta against Moses and trying to get him sent off.



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WORLD

Finnish Central Bank governor dismissed

HELSINKI (R) — Former Finnish prime minister and Central Bank governor Ahti Karjalainen, instrumental in building close links with Moscow, said Tuesday he was dismissed by people who think relations with the Soviet Union are too cordial.

Mr. Karjalainen, 61, was sacked from the governorship two weeks ago, officially for the public good. He has repeatedly denied in the media that he is suffering from a drink problem.

He was quoted in an interview with the hardline communist newspaper Tiedonantaja Tuesday as saying those who ousted him had lied about his condition to President Mauno Koivisto, who relieved him of his posts.

Ex-Vietnamese premier recounts years in prison

SINGAPORE (R) — A former South Vietnamese prime minister, now a refugee here awaiting resettlement, said Tuesday he had to abandon his wife and baby as he fled his homeland in a fiery wooden craft under cover of darkness.

Nguyen van Loc, prime minister in 1967-68, told Reuters that he made the escape on May 10 after hiding with his family for nearly 18 months south of Ho Chi Minh city, formerly Saigon.

It was his 14th attempt at flight but his wife and 11-month-old child could not join him as planned because fishermen, demanding money to keep their departure secret, stopped them from

taking a rowing boat to the refugee craft.

Loc, 62, said his wife had saved the money for the trip while he was at a labour camp near Hanoi. He had been there for four years before being returned to Ho Chi Minh.

"I nearly died in the labour camp where I was kept with about 1,500 others on a near starvation diet... they allowed me to return to Saigon in 1980 only after they felt that I was dying," he said.

Loc said two or three people died of malnutrition or disease every week at the labour camp. "Nam Ha 25-a."

The inmates, mostly former

South Vietnamese military and security personnel, politicians and high-ranking government officials, were ordered to clear a jungle swamp, farm the area and build a dam, he said.

They were also made to cut boulders and carry them two kilometres to build their own homes and the dam, Loc said.

"The stronger among us were made to pull the ploughs at a jungle clearing hardly suitable for cultivation," Loc said.

Loc said Nam Ha, described by Vietnamese officials as a "re-education camp," was still in operation.

Armenians bomb Turkish travel office

PARIS (R) — Armenian guerrillas claimed responsibility for a bomb attack on a Turkish travel office in Brussels Tuesday and warned of further operations.

In a telephone call in Paris, an Armenian spokesman said the attack was carried out by a group named after Pierre Goulumian, an Armenian nationalist killed while making a bomb in a Paris suburb in July 1982.

"We will continue our action," he added.

The organisation, also known as the Orly group, has hit a number of Turkish targets in France.

A second militant Armenian group, the Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA), has also taken part in attacks on Turkish offices and diplomats in France.

Two Turkish diplomats have been killed and one seriously injured by the guerrillas since 1982.

5 more bombs go off in Corsica

AJACCIO, Corsica (R) — Five bombs exploded in Corsica Monday night after separatists had claimed responsibility for a wave of bomb attacks earlier in the day, police said.

Early Monday the banned Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC), which is seeking the island's independence from France, said it had planted more than 50 bombs in what was seen as a warning to the authorities three weeks before a visit by President Francois Mitterrand.

Forty-three of them exploded. 11 were defused and a man was badly injured when a bomb he was suspected of planting blew up in his face, police said.

Monday night's blasts in the northern town of Bastia damaged buildings.

Seoul charges 6 hijackers

SEOUL (R) — South Korea Tuesday formally charged the six hijackers of a Chinese airliner under its strict anti-hijack law providing for a maximum penalty of death, state prosecutors said.

A trial date has not been set, but prosecution sources said it was expected to be next month. The prosecutors said the six Chinese had acted under a premeditated plan "out of discontent with political and social affairs" in China.

The hijackers commandeered the British-built Trident to South Korea on May 5 after flying over communist North Korea with 99 other passengers and crew on board.

Nobodies, loonies enter British election campaign

LONDON (R) — Loonies and green chickens will fight Britain's general election next month but a bearded man named Margaret Thatcher was Tuesday excluded as just too silly.

Thatcher, 26, who legally changed his name from Colin Hanoman, registered as a candidate in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's parliamentary seat of Finchley, north London, only hours before nominations closed Monday.

His election agent: A Mr. Ronald Reagan.

The deadline showed a bumper crop of fringe candidates around the nation but, after a complaint by Mrs. Thatcher's agent and a day of legal wrangling, Mr. Thatcher is not among them.

The official bring a bottle party is contesting one of the 650 parliamentary seats. It is not to be confused with, this is the best party I've ever been to party.

In Bournemouth on the south coast, Jerry Stocks is running as the loony monster green chicken alliance candidate.

Rock singer Screaming Lord Sutch, veteran leader of the official monster raving loony party, is fighting Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in her north London seat of Finchley.

Now he plans to play upon Mrs. Thatcher's reputation as the "iron lady" by parading through Finchley bearing a giant can opener.

Voters elsewhere will have the independent mushroom party, a Jim the fish Conservative independent candidate, the kamikaze party and the somewhat

anonymous nobody party.

Sutch benefits from fighting elections as they generate publicity for his rock concerts.

In other cases, the craze for poking fun at democracy, at the cost of a £150 (£230) electoral deposit, was apparently inspired by a television comedy sketch by the Monty Python team in the late 1960s.

In the past, fringe candidates may have been no less eccentric but they have at least usually been taken seriously by themselves.

One such candidate this time, Tommy Layton, is fighting here, south England, on a platform of saving the earth by slowing down its rate of orbit around the sun and ending unemployment by excising the word from the dictionary. He specifically denies he is a crackpot.

Joe Harvey, fighting Surbiton, outside London, as candidate of the very good party, wants to ban hanging objects from inside car windshields.

Richard Booth, who owns what he calls the largest second-hand bookshop in the world, at Hay-on-Wye on the Welsh border, and uses a horse and cart to deliver books, is running for the rural revival party.

He wants horse-drawn transport reintroduced to provide jobs for blacksmiths, saddlers and wheelwrights. He says this would help produce a stable economy.

Oliver Smedley, an opponent of the European Community in the race at Saffron Walden, east England, aims to top the 4,963 votes he won there in an election 33 years ago.

Book by Andropov's chief rival published

MOSCOW (R) — Pravda said Tuesday a new book by politburo member Konstantin Chernenko had been published, apparently signalling that the number two in the Kremlin hierarchy is still politically active.

The article on the theoretical work "maintaining a Leninist style in party work" was the first mention of Chernenko by the Soviet media since he appeared at a conference in March.

In the meantime, there has been widespread speculation that the 71-year-old former challenger for the party leadership had been forced out of Kremlin politics by his rival, Yuri Andropov.

Chernenko, who appeared in public as the effective number two in the party hierarchy following Andropov's takeover in November, was absent from important

politburo line-ups on Lenin's birthday in April and on May Day. Chernenko's office, which reported he had been ill, said he returned to work last week. Western diplomats have remained doubtful about his present status.

They said it could have been put in as a sign of support for Chernenko by senior party members in advance of a June Central committee plenum at which Andropov is expected to announce some personnel changes.

Chernenko, who was Brezhnev's protégé, has not made any important public pronouncements in the past six months. This is widely seen as a sign that his influence and power are on the wane. The article said Chernenko's book dealt with the need to improve organisational mechanism in the party apparatus.

NEWS IN BRIEF

International drug ring smashed

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (R) — Twelve people have been arrested, two of them in Australia, and charged with smuggling more than \$700 million worth of marijuana into the United States. U.S. officials said. U.S. attorney (prosecutor) Henry McMaster said warrants were out for 30 other people and that more than \$6 million worth of property — including planes, cars and boats as well as large amounts of cash — had been seized.

Polish carpenter crucifies customer

WARSAW (R) — A Polish village carpenter murdered a 76-year-old customer then nailed his body to a cross and stood it in a field, the newspaper Express Wiezorny reported. The paper said the carpenter, who had spent two periods in a mental hospital, had an argument with the old man after he came to pick up some window frames in the village of Sztara Sztupia in southern Poland. Local people said the carpenter killed the customer with an iron bar and a knife, then nailed the body to a tall wooden cross and stood it in a corner of his field overnight. "I saw him put it up but I thought it was a dummy and not a real man," one resident said.

5 Soviet youths jailed for rape

MOSCOW (R) — Five Soviet youths have been jailed for terms of between nine and 10 years for the gang rape of an 18-year-old girl who later committed suicide, the newspaper Izvestia reported. The five boys, all in their teens, had attacked the girl after a dance at the village of Ogudnyevy near Moscow. Two of the girl's friends who were with her managed to escape. Shortly after she had reported the case to police she wrote them three letters retracting the charges and claiming she led the youths on. Her friends also changed their testimony. After the girl killed herself a new investigation showed that the parents of the boys had made threats to Nadya and bribed her friends. The report said the boys had all been given the maximum sentence at their trial.

Floods devastate Australian state

BRISBANE (R) — Constant rain in the Australian state of Queensland, until last month in the grip of the worst drought this century, has produced the worst floods for 20 years. Helicopters ferried food and medical supplies to towns cut off in the southern and central districts, Roma, Quilpie, St. George and Durrumbidgee. Northern New South Wales was also being swamped by floodwaters from swollen rivers. Weather forecasters said the rains would continue for the next few days.

Grandma tries to pass driving test

BRISTOL, England (R) — Learner Lillian Martin, 72, out for a lesson in her new car, shot across a road junction, demolished a garden wall and fractured a gas main. Firemen evacuated families in Bristol's Coalpit Heath district while an emergency gas crew dealt with the escape, Lillian, who has been trying to pass her driving test for 17 years, said: "I don't know why they made such a fuss."

Jakarta criminals urged to surrender

JAKARTA (R) — Police urged suspected criminals Tuesday to surrender to avoid being killed in a wave of mystery shootings that has swept the Indonesian capital. At least 53 people have been shot dead in Jakarta streets this year by unidentified gunmen. Eleven were killed one night last week. Justice Minister Maj-Gen. Ali Said admitted Tuesday that members of the security forces could be behind the shooting of many victims, described as ex-convicts of criminal suspects.

Radio Moscow announcer raps 'Soviet invaders'

MOSCOW (R) — A spokesman for Radio Moscow blamed a news announcer Tuesday for three bulletins broadcast Monday praising Afghans for fighting against "Soviet invaders."

The spokesman told Reuters the wording of the items on Radio Moscow's English-language world service was a personal mistake by announcer Vladimir Danchev.

He gave no further information and did not say if any action had been taken against Danchev.

In news bulletins at 1100, 1200 and 1300 GMT Danchev switched around the usual Soviet form of words for covering the Afghan war and effectively branded Sov-

iet troops as aggressors instead of the anti-communist guerrilla forces.

In the first two bulletins he said: "The population of Afghanistan plays an increasing role in defending the country's territory against Soviet occupiers."

He said that a meeting of tribal elders had declared that "the activity carried out from Soviet territory endangers the security of the population of Afghanistan."

In the third bulletin Danchev changed the wording, saying the Afghan population was playing an increasing role in defending the country "against bands infiltrated from the Soviet Union."

"Reports in Kabul say that tribes living in the eastern provinces Nangahar and Paktia have joined in the struggle against the Soviet invaders," he said.

In the closing news summary, Danchev summarised the item by saying the Afghan population was taking an "increasingly active part in action against the Soviet forces."

According to the BBC monitoring service in London, a similar switch in wording was made in a report on Afghanistan broadcast by Moscow Radio last week.

Western diplomats were surprised and puzzled by the bulletins. They said that a slip of the

tongue seemed unlikely, especially as Danchev had used identical wording in two broadcasts an hour apart.

"This leaves the possibility of some kind of protest, either by an individual or a group, and that obviously cannot be ruled out," one West European diplomat said.

In the 1400 GMT bulletin another announcer read the news item, reverting to the usual Soviet political line on Afghanistan.

He said the population was fighting bands infiltrated from Pakistan and that subversive activity from Pakistani territory was endangering the Afghan people.

Argentina battles floods

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Emergency teams battled desperately through the night to shore up leaking dikes and prevent floodwaters from engulfing two northern Argentine cities.

Taking advantage of a break in the heavy rains which have fallen steadily for six weeks, bulldozers strengthened earthen flood barriers thrown up hastily to protect the cities of Resistencia and Formosa.

Asuncion, capital of neighbouring Paraguay, has also been hard-hit by the floods and so have parts of Uruguay and Brazil. "If it rains and the machines get bogged down, I shall call on all the men and women of Resistencia to take shovels and spades and sandbags to reinforce the defences," the governor of Chaco Province, Jose Ruiz Palacios, said.

"We will defend this city until the last minute," he added.

Reports from Resistencia said

workers on the flood barriers are battling a plague of eels and fresh water crabs, which are boring holes in the earth walls and making them leak.

Further north, the city of Formosa is threatened by the swollen Paraguay River and local authorities said they were seriously considering evacuating all its 115,000 inhabitants, half of whom have already been driven from their homes.

The floods, which have swamped five provinces of northeastern Argentina since December, have reached a peak with the constant rains, pushing rivers to record levels.

More than 150,000 people have been made homeless in the region, roads and railways have been cut and the local economy has virtually ground to a halt. President Reynaldo Bignone has called it a national catastrophe.

U.S. aircraft make spy flights over C. America

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. aircraft with night-vision devices have made spy flights over Central America to detect gun-running to El Salvador's leftist guerrillas, Reagan administration officials said Monday night.

The specially-equipped Hercules transport planes were unarmed, the Pentagon said.

Asked about news reports of the flights, a Pentagon spokesman said: "C-130 aircraft have been conducting classified missions in areas of Central America which have been the subject of communist-led insurgent infiltration."

The planes, widely used during the Vietnam War, carry infrared and low-light sensors designed to spot movements in the dark. They are usually armed with rapid fire guns and a small cannon.

But the Pentagon spokesman stressed the C-130s operating in Central America carried neither weapons nor ammunition, adding: "They do not and have not fired at infiltrators."

Asked if they had been fired on, the spokesman replied: "I have nothing on that."

The Reagan administration has charged Cuba and the Soviet bloc

with supplying arms to insurgents in El Salvador fighting U.S.-backed Salvadorean government forces.

The acknowledgment of the spy flights is certain to raise concern in a U.S. Congress already deeply troubled and divided over the administration's involvement in Central America.

President Reagan has also been under fire for his covert support of rebels battling Nicaragua's Sandinista government.

He has said such aid is part of the administration's efforts to cut the supply of arms to the Salvadorean guerrillas and does not violate a congressional ban on financing operations aimed at toppling the Nicaraguan government.

ABC television news reported Monday night that the C-130s, operating out of Panama, had also flown over Nicaragua. The aircraft were armed and had occasionally violated Nicaraguan air space, ABC said.

The planes had been shot at but had not yet returned fire, the report added.

But the Pentagon spokesman said the C-130s' mission was "passive" and that all flights complied with international law.

French nuclear deterrent could start global conflict, private U.S. study says

WASHINGTON (R) — France is moving to build a "nuclear trigger" that could force the United States and its NATO allies into an atomic war with the Soviet Union, a private military affairs publication says.

An article by Anthony Cordesman in Armed Forces Journal said a five-year military spending programme approved on April 20 "confirms France's slow shift toward reliance on nuclear trigger forces as its main element of defence."

While downgrading non-nuclear warfare, it said, the new plan would give France "a mix of strategic and tactical nuclear forces designed to deter the Warsaw Pact by their ability to unilaterally trigger a theatre or worldwide nuclear conflict."

These forces would be able "to

inflict so much damage on Soviet and Warsaw Pact targets that the USSR will be forced to strike all of Europe if France strikes against tactical targets, and against the U.S. if France strikes against Soviet population centres," the article said.

"France has not withdrawn from Europe's defence but rather is attempting to dominate it."

If it succeeds, the article said, France would control North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) strategy and choice between conventional and nuclear combat.

It said France's new nuclear force would give it the ability to trigger not only U.S. strategic weapons but the British independent nuclear deterrent as well.

It would also allow France to

hold back its forces during a Warsaw Pact conventional attack on West Germany and to use French nuclear weapons only to defend itself by triggering a European or worldwide atomic exchange, the article said.

It said France's new programme, providing for its sixth and seventh nuclear missile-carrying submarines and modernised M-4 land-based missiles, would increase from 48 to more than 200 the French warheads that could survive a Soviet first strike.

These weapons would be too inaccurate to hit anything but Soviet population centres, it said, but "this would provide a fully credible capability... to force the USSR to launch a general (nuclear) war against the U.S. and Europe."

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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DEAR MR. GOREN

Q.—In your books you say that a reverse bid is not forcing. However, most of my partners argue that it should be forcing for one round. I am not averse to this, but I would like to know exactly how responder should treat his hand after partner has reversed. We have considerable disagreement about this and last night we ended in a part score when a small slam was an odds-on contract.—R. Wallace, Columbia, S.C.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.) A.—I must confess that the wording in those books was a trifle careless. A reverse bid is not forcing to game; however, it is certainly forcing to at least three of opener's first suit.

Mathematically, that is only logical. For his reverse, opener has a hand worth at least 18 points. Responder has shown a minimum of 6 with his first bid, so even if both players are at the bottom of their bids, they are in the game zone. Therefore, the partnership should be safe at the three-level in opener's announced long suit.

After a reverse by opener, responder has certain priorities. If he is dead minimum for his initial response, he must tell opener that he has no game aspirations. There are two methods of doing so. Some play that a return to opener's first-bid suit is the signoff; others use a bid of two no trump as denoting a minimum response. I slightly prefer the latter, but I think that the majority of players use the

former. As long as you agree on a method with your partner, it matters little which you use.

Quite often, if your first response was in a major, partner's reverse might be based on a fit for your suit, possibly a very good fit. Therefore, if you have a five-card major, you should rebid it, even with a strong hand. Since you are still below the level of three of opener's original suit, a simple rebid maintains the forcing situation.

With support for either of opener's suits, fix the trump suit as soon as possible, depending on your methods. If you decide to adopt two no trump as your signoff, a return to opener's first suit is forcing, and might be made with a good hand. If you play that bid as a denial, you have to jump in opener's first suit if you have the values for game.

Responder's raise of opener's second suit creates a game force. But if opener raises responder's suit, it is simply invitational. If opener has the values for game, he must either jump to game himself or else bid the fourth suit to create a new force.

In brief, responder's obligations are:

- 1) Sign off with a dead minimum;
- 2) Rebid a five-card major;
- 3) Support one of partner's suits, if possible, and
- 4) Make any bid except a signoff to force to game.

Responder's rebids after a reverse by opener is a complex subject which can only be skimmed in this brief column. But, if you bear in mind the principles outlined above, you should be able to avoid languishing in a part score when slam is in the offing.

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